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MPA is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. The stated goal of MPA is to provide continuing education opportunities for childcare providers for the purpose of increasing quality of childcare settings.

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Board of Director News:

With the summer in full swing and the State's economy in a downward spiral, the news front from licensing is quiet. There had been discussion on state assistance reimbursement rates increasing and possibly decreasing, but chatter has subsided for now. The response to questions related to the matter was recommended to do the following:

- ~Know your legislators and dialogue with them.
- ~Champion your issues with the local human service collaborative and have them pass a resolution to the county commission.
- ~Visit with legislators as a group or testify committees.
- ~Have a central, focused message through local government and grassroots organizations such as MPA

We would love to hear your thoughts and views on current reimbursement rates. You can do this by calling, emailing or snail mail. We will be happy to pass your comments along to Lansing.

CPR & First Aid Classes

Classes are being formed in Kent, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. Discounted rates apply to all current MPA members. Registration for the upcoming July 31st Wayne county class is open. Class time runs 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Cost to members is \$35. Call our toll free number or email us for further information.

It's Summer - Enjoy the great outdoors!

Shadow Games

On a sunny day, go outside to look for shadows. Move your arms, jump up and down. Jump on each other's shadow. Play shadow tag.

Paint and Write with Water

Fill a container with water and set out big paint brushes. Paint letters, names or pictures on the floor.

Car Wash

Help your children to set up a car wash. You will need a hose with a nozzle, a bucket of soapy water, a sponge, and old towels or rags for drying. Make "Car Wash" signs and let the children soap up and clean their sand toys and riding toys.

Make Sun Pictures

Get a piece of dark-colored craft paper and search for an interesting looking nature item (twig, leaf, flower, etc.). Place item on craft paper and set in the sun. After a few hours remove item to reveal your sun picture.

Ring Toss Game

For this game, contestants need the tossing skills of a Frisbee player and the good aim of a